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CHRISTMAS CAROL

This is a story you think you've heard before.
But you have never heard it quite like this.

It is the story of one who worked hard,
and asked others to work hard for her.

A story of how all that hard
work almost undid the things
she most held dear.

Do you have to sound
so dramatic about it?

Oh! Um...sorry,
I'll see what I can do
about that.



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Another, where was I...? Right, right, hard work!
Yes, life in this small little town of Ye Olde Knothole, England, was difficult,
and getting through the day-to-day required lots and lots of work.

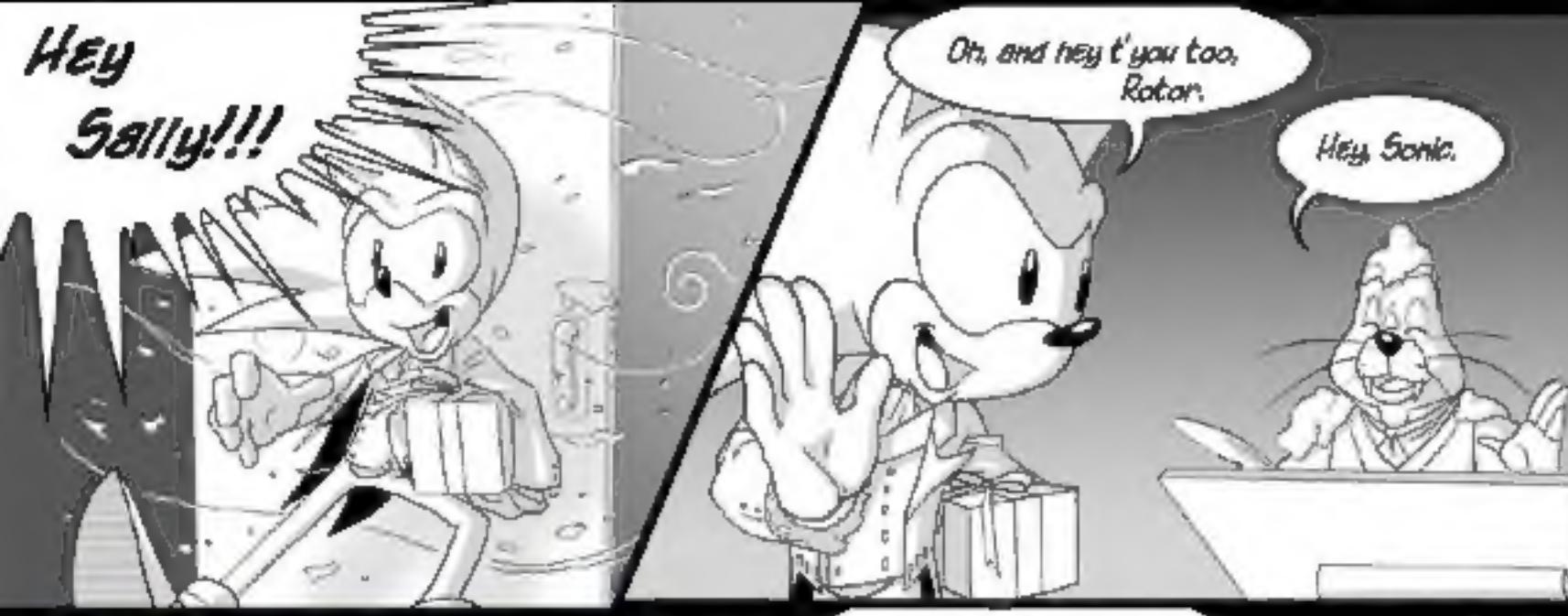
That's putting it mildly—
we here at Town Hall are in charge of
taking care of the whole town,
and with pretty limited
resources to work with.

One of which is time, Mr. Cratchett.
I would suggest you use yours
more productively rather than
waste it on idle chatter.

R-right, Sally,
sorry!

We've talked about this a thousand times,
Mr. Cratchett I am the Mayor of this town
you will refer to me as Ms. Scrooge.

YES m'om.



Oh, uh, hi Sonic!
Welcome to the Station. Enjoy your stay!



C-Christmas?

I-I'd almost forgotten it was tomorrow.

Well now that you do remember, I can finally ask you for that Day Off I'd been saving.

Mm-hm.
U know, comes by once a year n all that.

I'd like to use it for Christmas

With all the paperwork this Holiday brings with it? Absolutely not!

Oh come on, Sal, it's Christmas!

You USED to know how to appreciate that!

Christmas nothing!

The work we do in this office helps this town to run! If we fail, everything falls apart!

Both of you,
just get out.

The work day's over,
Mr. Cratchett, you
can go home now,
but I do expect you
back here tomorrow for a
full day's work.



Yes, Ms. Scrooge.

SEE ya around, Sis.
Hope you have a
good night's sleep.

I'll be sure to let
Tails know you
said hello.



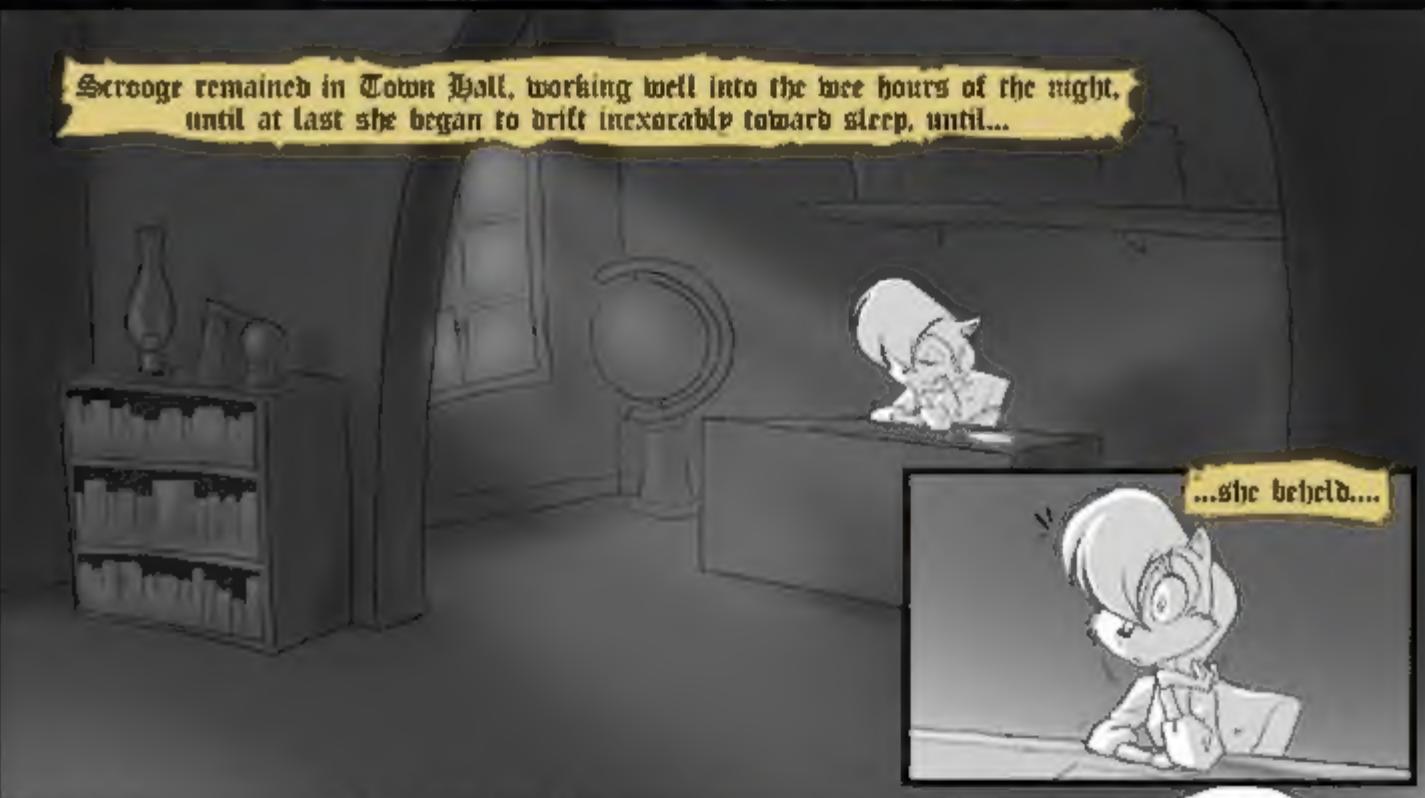
...vibes. That, uh, that got a little more...
intense than I was expecting.



Let's diffuse that tension by skipping ahead a few hours.
Night time now!



Scrooge remained in Town Hall, working well into the wee hours of the night,
until at last she began to drift inexorably toward sleep, until...



...she beheld a GHOST.



W-what in the world? Who-what are you!?

You mean you don't recognize your old Deputy Mayor, Jacob Snively?

I-impossible! Snively died years ago!

I don't have time for your skepticism, Scrooge!

You always were so stubborn...

Then tell me, what brings you here this night?

If you are who you say you are.



I am here to save your soul from the fate to which mine has been condemned!

In life, I was a ruthless taskmaster who strove for perfection in his work but at the expense of the very people that work was meant to protect!

The same fate awaits you, Scrooge, unless you find it in your heart to change your ways!

So have I been shackled to these chains in payment for my callous ways.

I...I don't understand...

You will, Scrooge.
On this night, the one night when the world of Spirits may interact with that of the Living, you shall be visited by three Spirits.

Heed well their words of warning.

...or else it will be too late for you.
For the love of all you hold dear, Scrooge...

CHANGE!!!

...whoa.
Now that was spooky!

whump!

Spirits, ghosts...
nonsense.

I'm just seeing things
from exhaustion....

Yeah...

...that's what
they all say
at first.

Very smart.

I've simply taken the
face of someone familiar
to you, to make you more
comfortable for the trip.

Trip?
And where exactly
would we be going?

Not
"where"...

"when".



I...I know this place.

This is Town Hall,
but but it hasn't
looked like this in...

In ten years

That is when I've taken you to.
I am the Ghost of
Christmas Past, after all

And there!
On top of
those books!

That's Antoine Fezzywig!

He was Mayor of
Knothole before me,
the one who taught
me everything I know.

Fe-
Mr. Fezzywig!
Over here!

W-what?

We are only
visitors here, Scrooge.

Better simply to sit
back and remember.

'Ello, my young student.
I 'OPE you ARE enjoying
ZE party, ou?

So much! Everyone
here is just so happy!

But of course, madameMOISELLE.
Zat is ze point of LEADERSHIP,
after all: to protect ZOSE you LEAD,
and ensure ZEIR 'APPINESS.

I promise, Mr. Fezzywig,
I'll always REMEMBER that!



And when you became Mayor,
you KEPT that promise,
for a time.

I didn't know back then.
I could never have imagined...



SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO MAKE HARD CHOICES.
Choices that people won't like,
but that still have to be made.



Whatever it takes to
keep them all safe



And yet.. what is safety
without happiness?

What does that...?



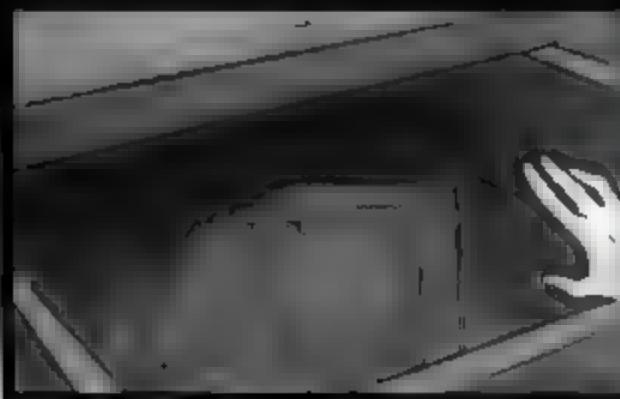
A dream.
That's all.



Just just a dream.
A bit of indigestion...

I dunno, seemed pretty real to me.

Uhh...shouldn't you be preparing for the next ghost?
What are you doing?



Maybe... maybe I
did lose track along
the way...

What the...?



Oh man...here he comes!
The Ghost of Christmas...

...PVEASANT!



...sorry, sorry, I did it again.
I meant...



...PRESENT. Ghost of Christmas Present.





On my stars...

...this is the Cratchett house.

Why did you bring me here, Spirit?
I know all I need to about THESE PEOPLE already!

Is that so?

Perhaps you should get to know them better.

Work pretty
rough today,
sugah-Rote?

I just don't understand
The way Sally-girl
treats you...

No more so than usual, Bunnie.
Thank you for the tea, though.

drivin' you like a slave,
Ignorin' our problems...
what happened t'her?

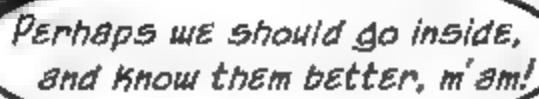
SHE USED T'BE
part of our family.

Don't be too hard on her,
Bunnie, she's just under a lot
of pressure, that's all.
It can't be easy,
running an entire town.

Maybe... but that
don't excuse leavin'
us out in the cold.

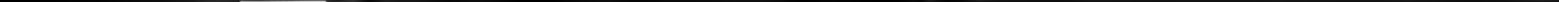
Is... is that what
they think I've
done to them?

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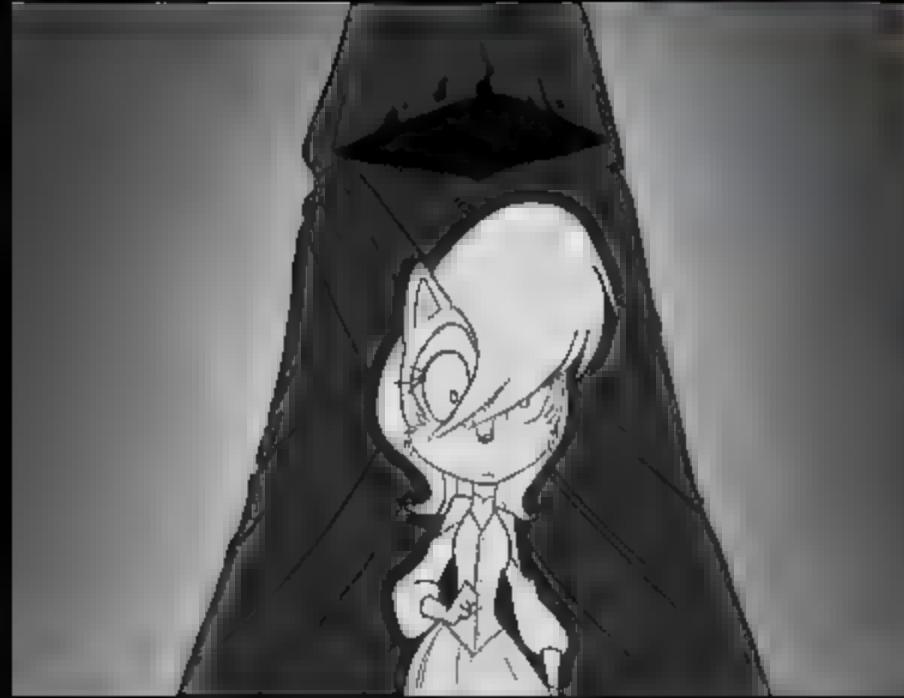
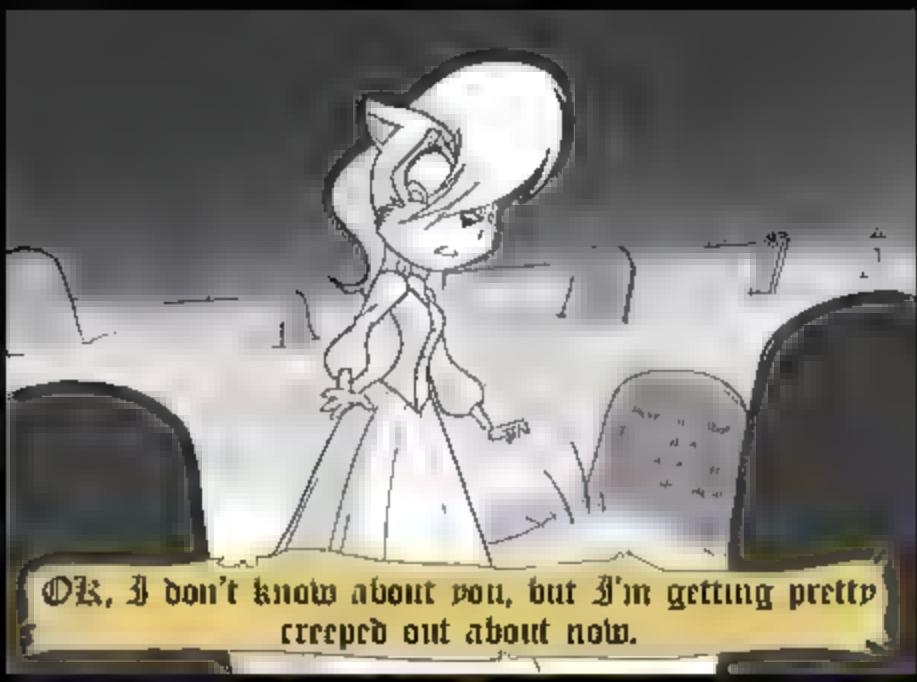


Perhaps we should go inside,
and know them better, m'am!

After all,
the Heart holds
many surprises!



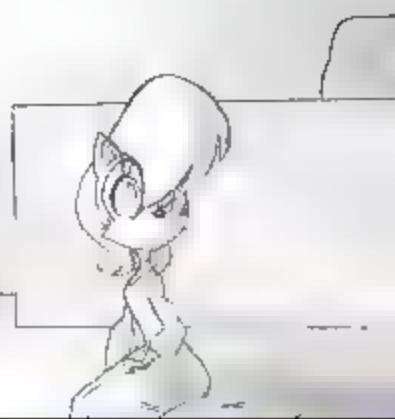








...OK, I swear it wasn't me this time.



Realising that it was still only Christmas Morning, Scrooge hurried as fast as she could to the one place she knew she needed to be.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



You get the day off.
And a raise.

You and I need to catch up,
my dearest friend.



AND you can address me
by whatever name you like!

and then WE NEED to get
you involved in helping me run
things the way I know
only you can.



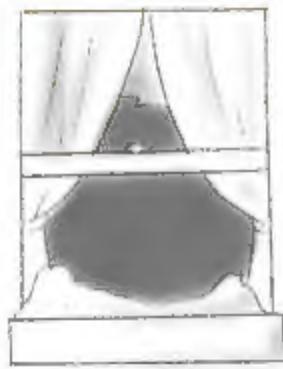
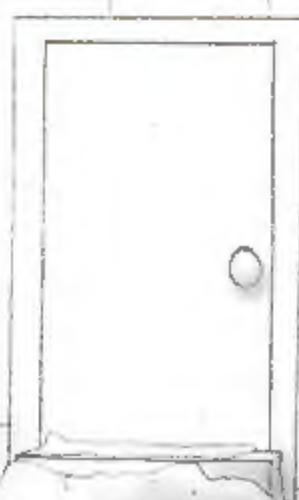
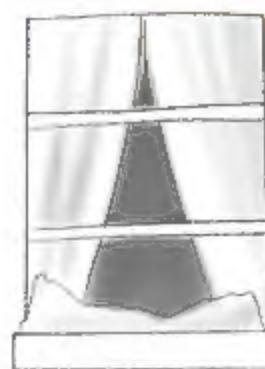
And as for you...

I will never forget
you again.

EVER.



And Scrooge was as good as her word. From the day forward, she renewed her efforts
to govern with a warm heart as well as an even hand, and she would never waver again.
And they all of them lived....





Happily Ever After.



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